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**ASSEMBLYMAN COGDILL HOSTS
FIRST RURAL CAUCUS MEETING**

Legislators Unite To Promote Rural Communities

(Sacramento) – Assemblyman Dave Cogdill (R-Modesto) announced that the California State Legislature Rural Caucus held its first meeting Tuesday at the State Capitol. Assemblyman Cogdill was joined by Senator Chuck Poochigian (R-Fresno) in hosting this inaugural meeting.

“I was pleased to be joined by my colleagues so that we may begin to form a coalition to act as a united voice to better represent our rural districts,” commented Assemblyman Cogdill.

“Together we will promote and protect the interests of the rural communities of California and give them a clear voice in the Legislature.”

Currently, there are 23 members of the Assembly and 11 members of the Senate who have joined the Rural Caucus.

The Caucus began by adopting its bylaws and nominating officers. Then, the members made plans to consider legislation introduced and submitted to the group for the Caucus’ support at their next meeting.

The Rural Caucus outlined several goals for the future. They hope to address rural education in a future rural education summit, as well as discuss ways to outreach to the rural communities. The Caucus also plans on hearing presentations from several groups that represent rural areas to further their knowledge of the needs and concerns of rural communities throughout California.

The California State Legislature Rural Caucus has yet to announce the date for their next meeting, but members are looking forward to working with each other in this bipartisan group.

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